

WYCLIFFE FACT SHEET

World population

More than 6.5 billion

Languages currently spoken in the world

More than 6,800

Languages that may need Bible translation

Almost 2,100, representing about 340 million people

Number of Wycliffe personnel

Approximately 6,500

Languages in which Wycliffe personnel have completed or had substantial involvement in the completion of Scripture translation

More than 740 New Testaments
More than 25 complete Bibles

Languages with which Wycliffe personnel are currently involved

More than 1,500, representing about 2.6 billion people

Number of countries represented by the language groups in which Wycliffe personnel are working

More than 95 (this approximation reflects some situations where work is being conducted among people who live outside their homeland)

More statistics

www.wycliffe.org/statistics

WYCLIFFE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Founded by William Cameron Townsend in 1942, Wycliffe Bible Translators supports Bible translation around the world by offering opportunities for involvement through prayer, personal service, financial partnerships, and vision sharing. These efforts affect all aspects of the Bible translation process, including language evaluation and analysis, alphabet and orthography development, literacy, training, translation, publishing, distribution, and Scripture use.

OUR MISSION

To see a Bible translation program in progress in every language still needing one by 2025.

OUR VISION

That God's Word is accessible to all people in a language that speaks to their heart.

OUR CORE VALUES

1. *The Glory of God Among the Nations*

Our motive for Bible translation is that all the peoples of the earth would have the opportunity to pursue God and His glory.

2. *Christlikeness in Life and Work*

Our quest is to pursue Christ. We express this through our lives and work.

3. *The Church as Central in God's Mission*

Our commitment is to assist the church in completing the Great Commission through the task God has called us to lead. We affirm that world evangelism and discipleship is God's charge to the Church.

4. *The Word Translated*

Our focus is founded on the promise in Scripture that God's Word will accomplish what He wants it to accomplish. The Word of God transforms lives when it is translated into a language that speaks to people's hearts.

5. *Dependence on God*

Our confidence is not in ourselves; rather, we depend on God for everything to complete the task of worldwide Bible translation. This is His work; He always accomplishes what He sets out to do.

6. *Partnership and Service*

Our way of working best reflects the character of God when we work in community, in partnerships and always with humility. Partnerships are critical to completing Bible translation for all languages of the world.

7. *Diversity*

We commit to follow the commands of Scripture to love all neighbors and act as the one body of Christ, such that we intentionally engage and reflect the diversity of His Church in order to fulfill the Bible translation task at hand.

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WYCLIFFE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Our work in the Bible translation movement flows out of our identity as followers of Jesus. The beliefs we share provide us with the motivation for our ministry. These foundational beliefs guide our plans and practices. In all we do, we desire to not only spread the message of Christ, but also to incarnate—live out—that message.

WYCLIFFE BELIEVES

- *The Bible is God's message for people everywhere*
- *The message of the Bible is evangelistic and is the basis for church planting and growth*
- *The most effective means of communication is the mother tongue*
- *For a church to be truly indigenous, it must have the Bible in its mother tongue*
- *Bible translation is the task of the whole Church, and everyone can have a part*

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We embrace the following truths, allowing them to guide our words, actions, and attitudes.

- *The divine inspiration and consequent authority of the whole canonical Scripture*
- *The doctrine of the Trinity*
- *The fall of man, his consequent moral depravity, and his need for regeneration*
- *The atonement through the substitutionary death of Christ*
- *The doctrine of justification by faith*
- *The resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust*
- *The eternal life of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost*